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SUBJECT: IMPROVEMENT OF CONTACTS WITH U.S. NATIONALS ON IAEA
STAFF

REF: BUFFUM/LABOWITZ LETTER DATED 11/4/75

1. MISSION WELCOMES DECISION TO REQUIRE ANNUAL REPORT
ON STEPS TAKEN TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH AMERICANS ON
STAFFS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. THIS IS AN AREA
WE HAVE BEEN PAYING SPECIAL ATTENTION TO IN PAST, AND
WE INTEND TO CONTINUE DOING SO IN FUTURE.

2. ONE OF OUR ACTIVITIES IN THIS RESPECT HAS BEEN AN
ANNUAL RECEPTION AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME HELD BY THE U.S.
RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVE FOR ALL U.S. NATIONALS (INCLUDING
NON-PROFESSIONALS) ON IAEA STAFF. RECEPTION THIS YEAR
WILL BE HELD ON DECEMBER 16. THERE ARE ABOUT 195 PERSONS
INVITED (INCLUDING SPOUSES).

3. ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO, MISSION RECEIVED QUANTITY OF
BICENTENNIAL LAPEL PINS, WHICH OFFICERS HAVE BEEN
WEARING EXTENSIVELY, AND WHICH HAVE AROUSED A SUR-
PRISING AMOUNT OF INTEREST AND COMMENTS BY AGENCY STAFF
MEMBERS AND REPS OF OTHER DELEGATIONS. MANY U.S. STAFF
MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR HAVE SHOWN GREAT INTEREST IN
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THESE PINS AND HAVE INQUIRED AS TO HOW THEY MAY BE

OBTAINED.

4. IN VIEW OF THIS UNEXPECTED BUT HIGHLY POSITIVE REACTION, WE INQUIRED INFORMALLY A FEW WEEKS AGO (ANN KANE) ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING A SUPPLY OF ABOUT 200 MORE SUCH LAPEL PINS, WHICH WE WOULD PASS OUT TO ALL AMERICANS ON IAEA STAFF. WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED BY THESE STAFF MEMBERS, WHO CLEARLY WISH TO SHARE IN THE U.S. BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION IN A WAY WHICH WOULD NOT RPT NOT CONFLICT WITH THEIR STATUS AS INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS.

5. WE BELIEVE THIS PROPOSAL IS FULLY CONSISTENT WITH THE U.S. DESIRE TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH AMERICANS ON THE STAFFS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND WE WONDER IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AN ADDITIONAL SUPPLY OF SUCH PINS, AS DISCUSSED ABOVE, IN TIME TO PASS THEM OUT AT OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RECEPTION ON DECEMBER 16. ADVISE.LABOWITZ

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